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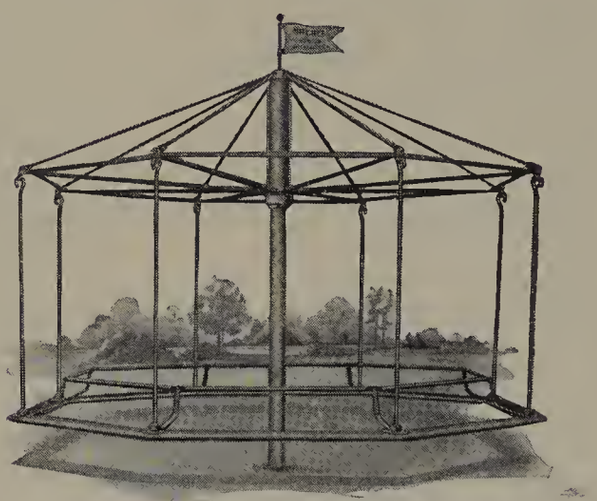

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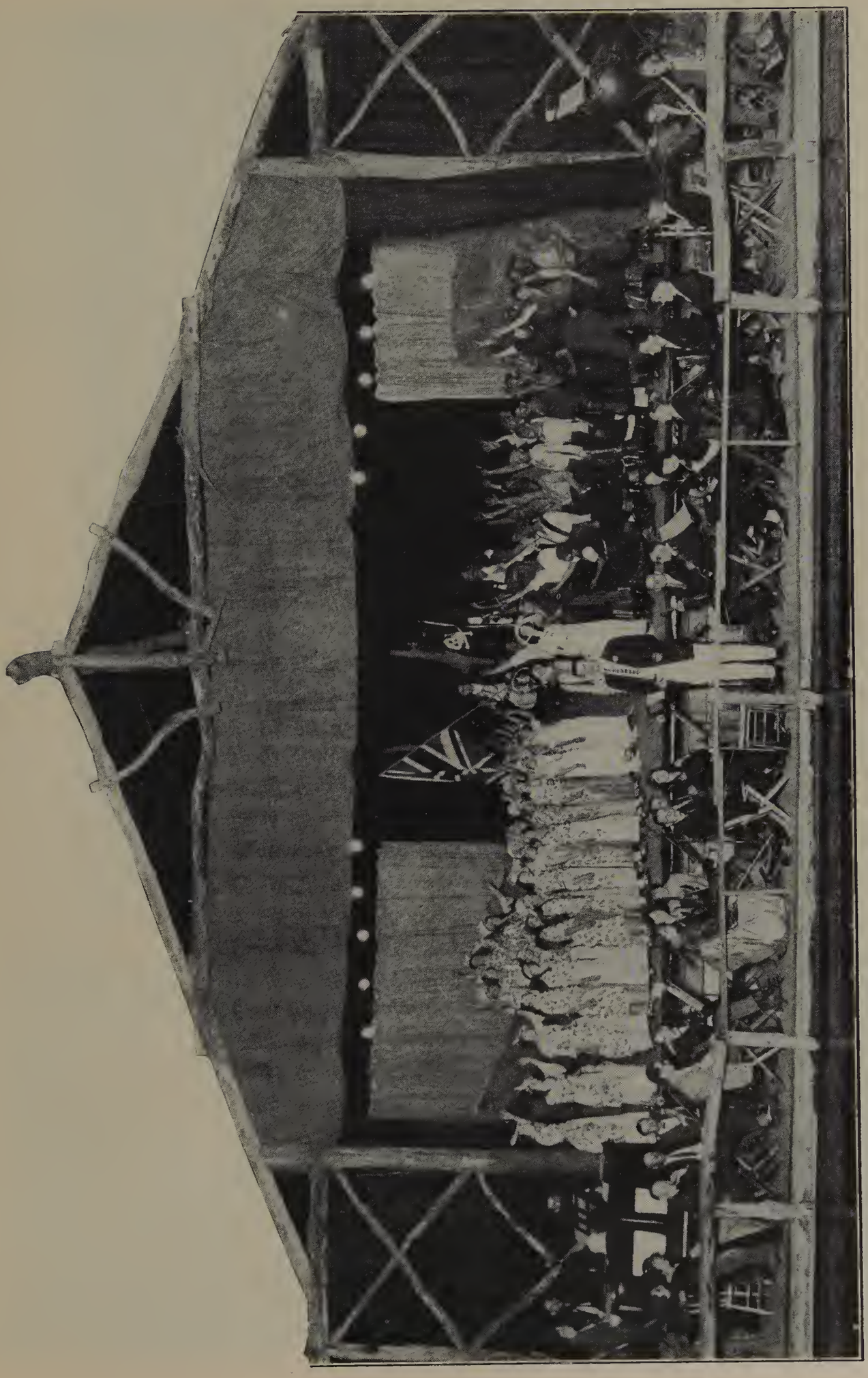

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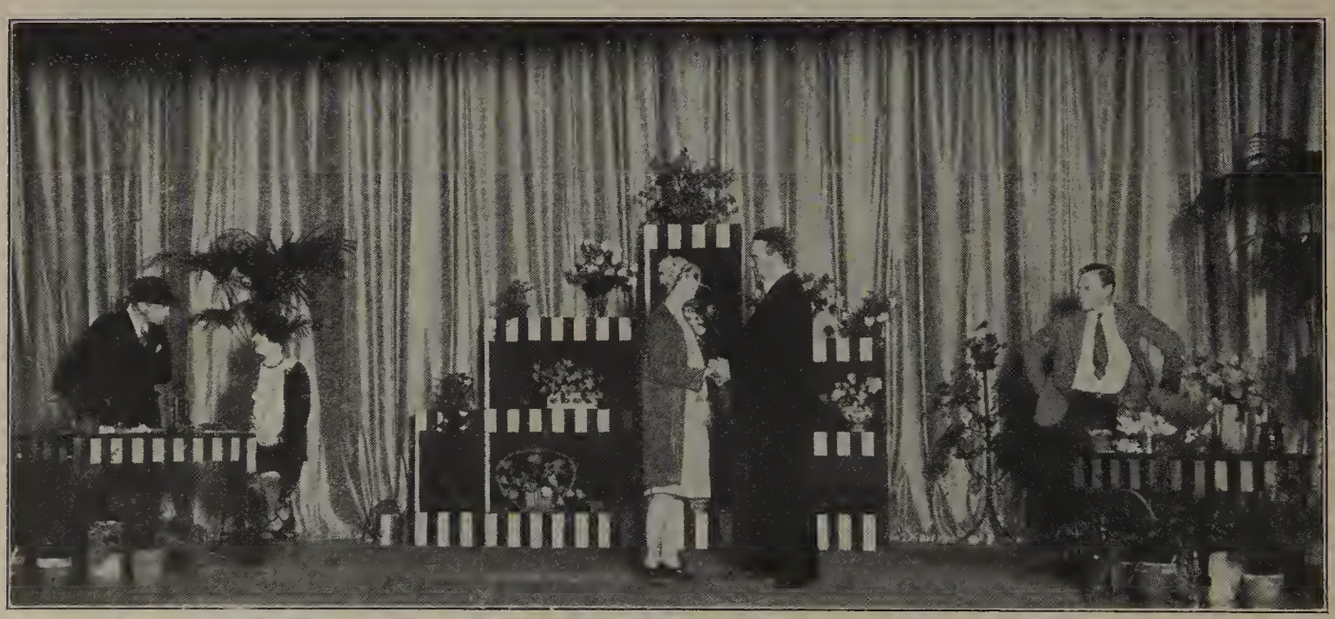

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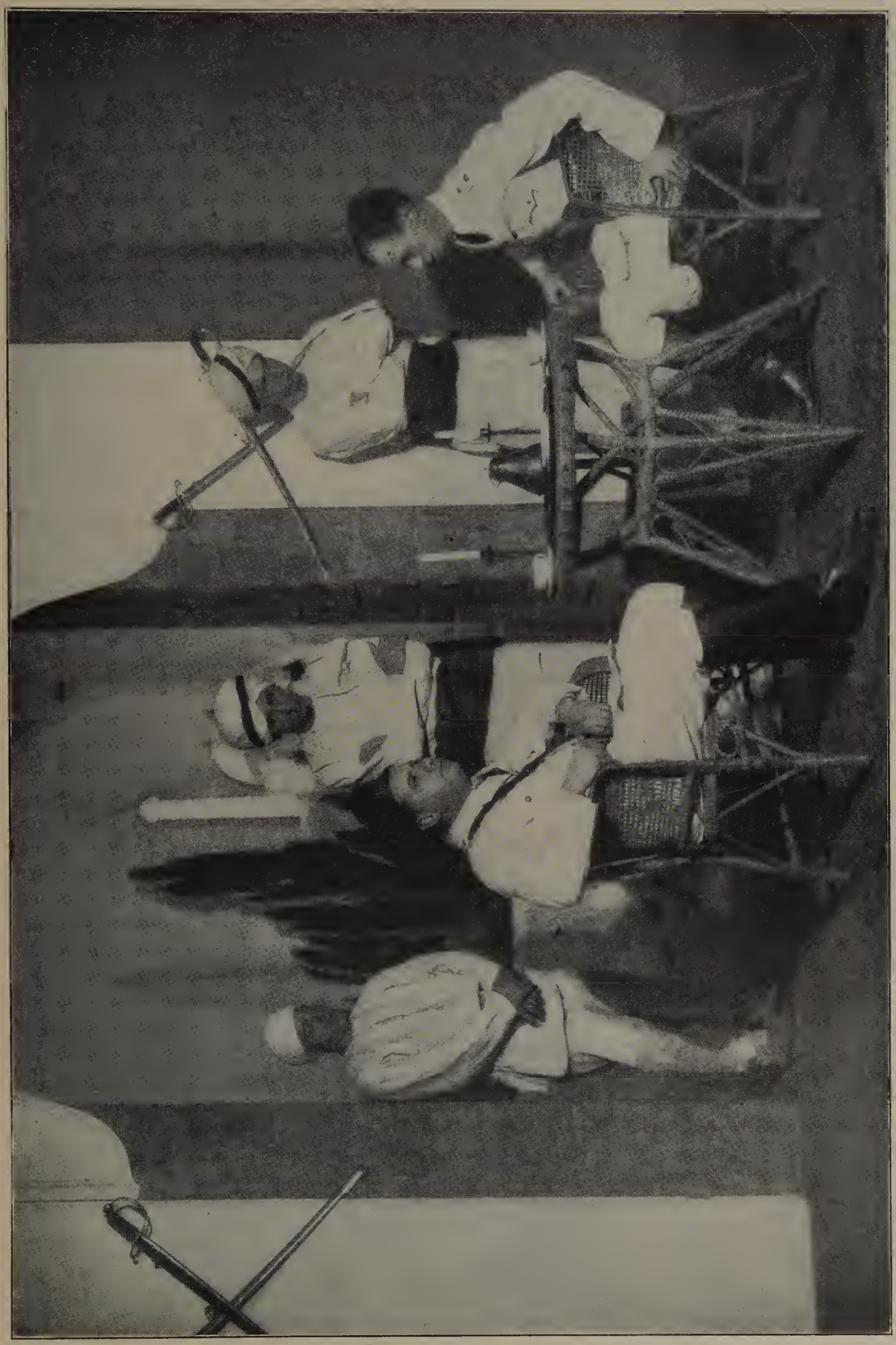

"The Drums of Oude"

The "Three Wishes"

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Paul: "That book again! Even when you eat must you bury your nose in a book and mumble Latin and Greek?"

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"THE PRINCESS WHOM NO ONE COULD SILENCE"

BOOTS: "WHY SHOULD I WEAR OUT YOUR SOUL, PRINCESS? I'VE A SOUL OF MY OWN HALF WORN OUT ALREADY."

"THE PRINCESS WHOM NO ONE COULD SILENCE"

PRINCESS: "I'LL NOT HAVE A HUSBAND—NEVER HAVE A HUSBAND!"

THE VILLAGE GOSSIP: "AND SHE WORE A BAND OF GOLD CLOTH AROUND HER WAIST THAT WIDE!"

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A Mothers' Club Party

Tales of Enchantment to Brighten the Hours

"Going to Jerusalem"

Twice A Month They Give A Party

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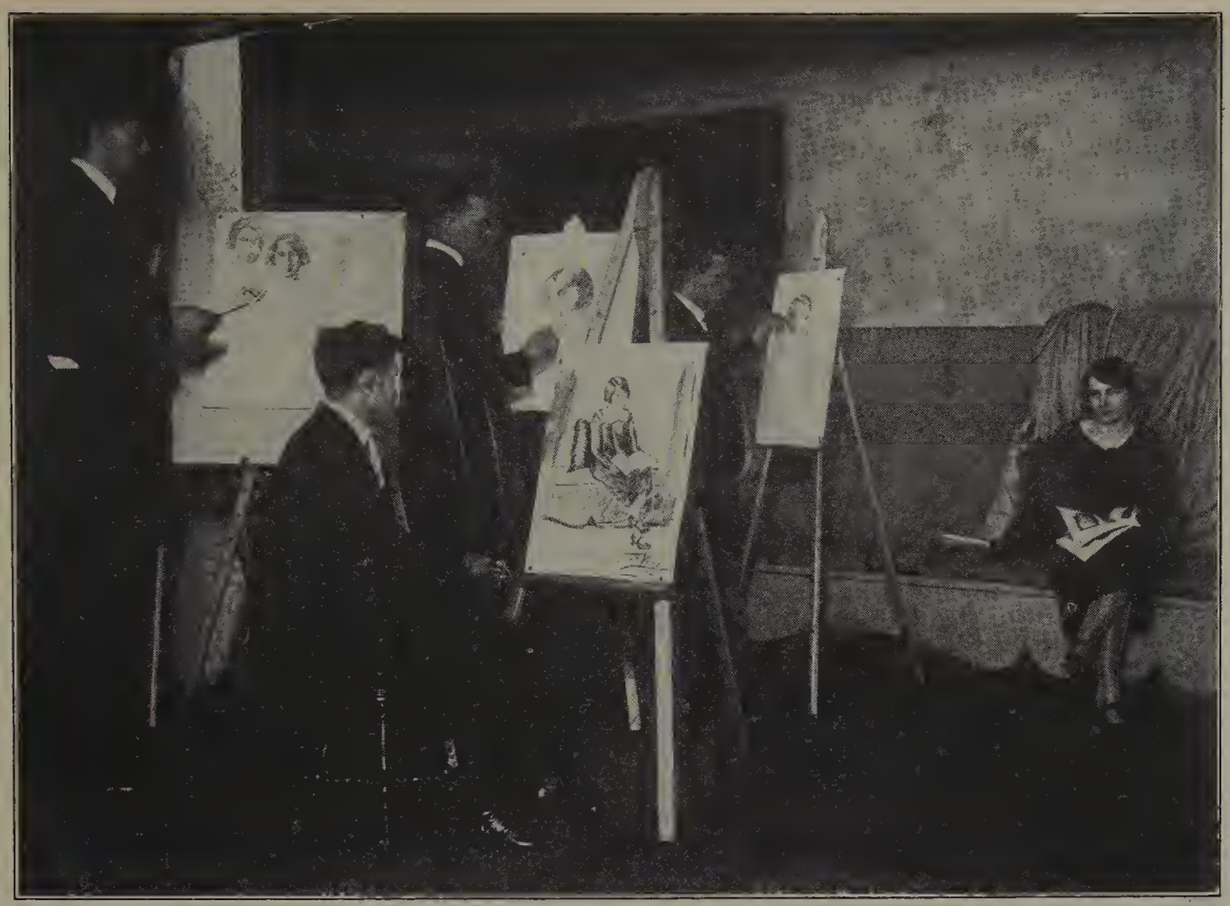
IT'S ALL IN THE GAME!

THE BROADEST SMILE!

AN EGG BLOWING CONTEST



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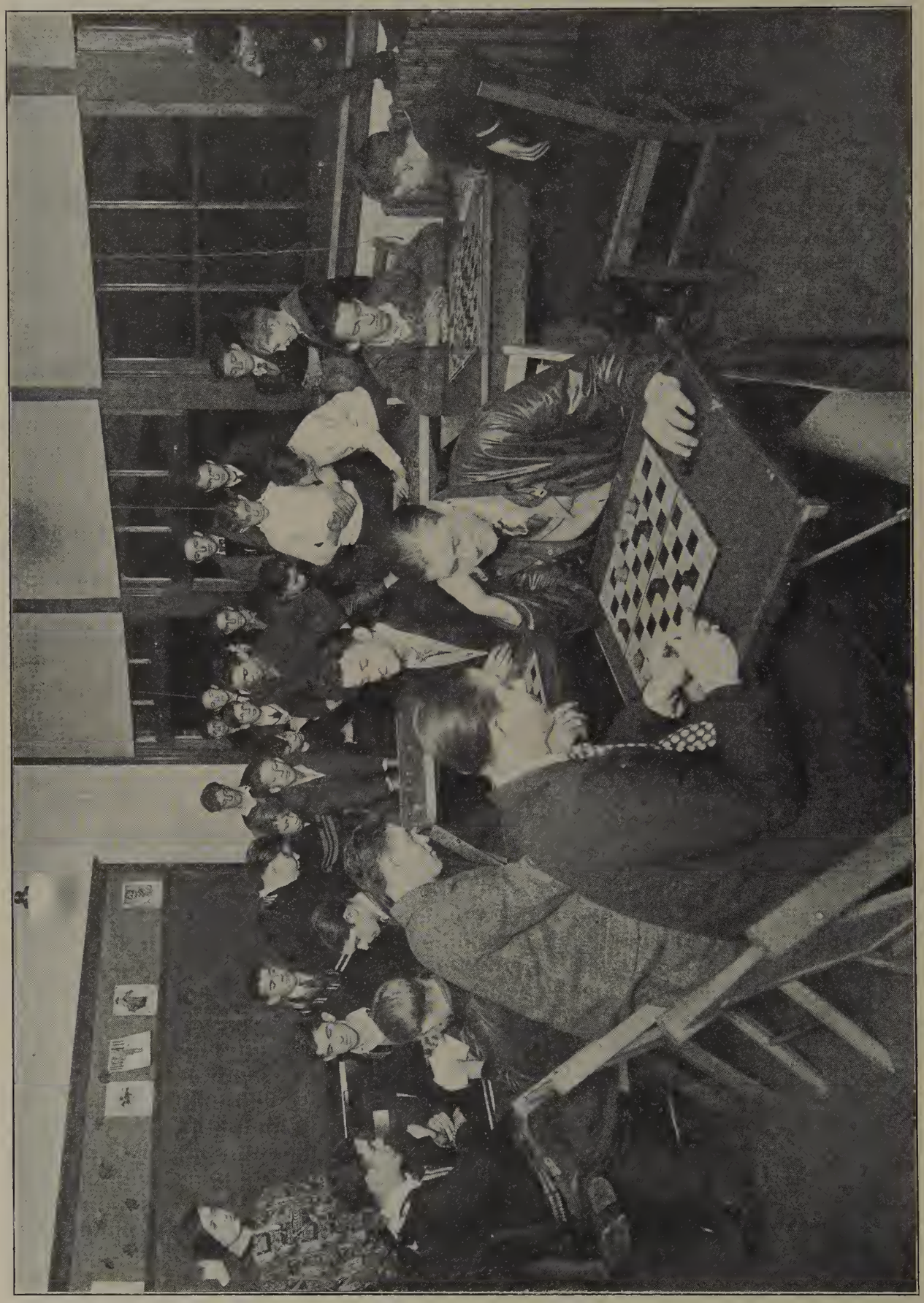
One Form of Achievement

A Modern Quilting Party

And Whatever You Do, Keep Your Eye on the Ball!

Lessons In the Manly Art of Self Defense



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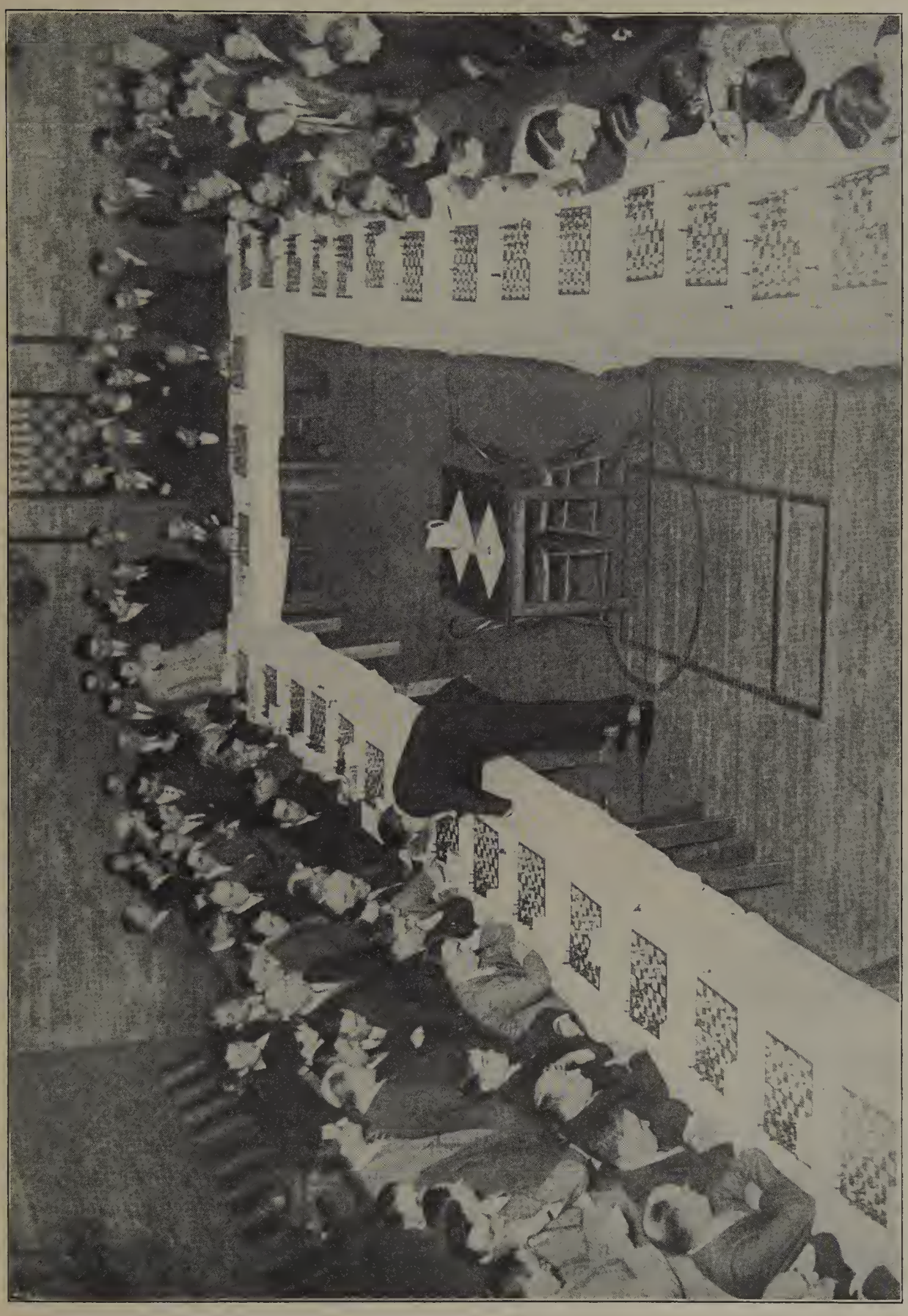

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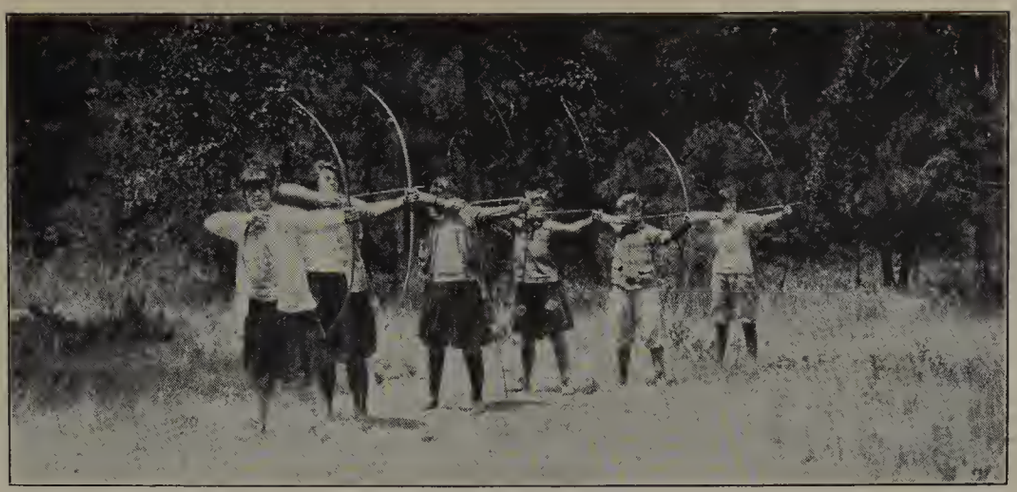

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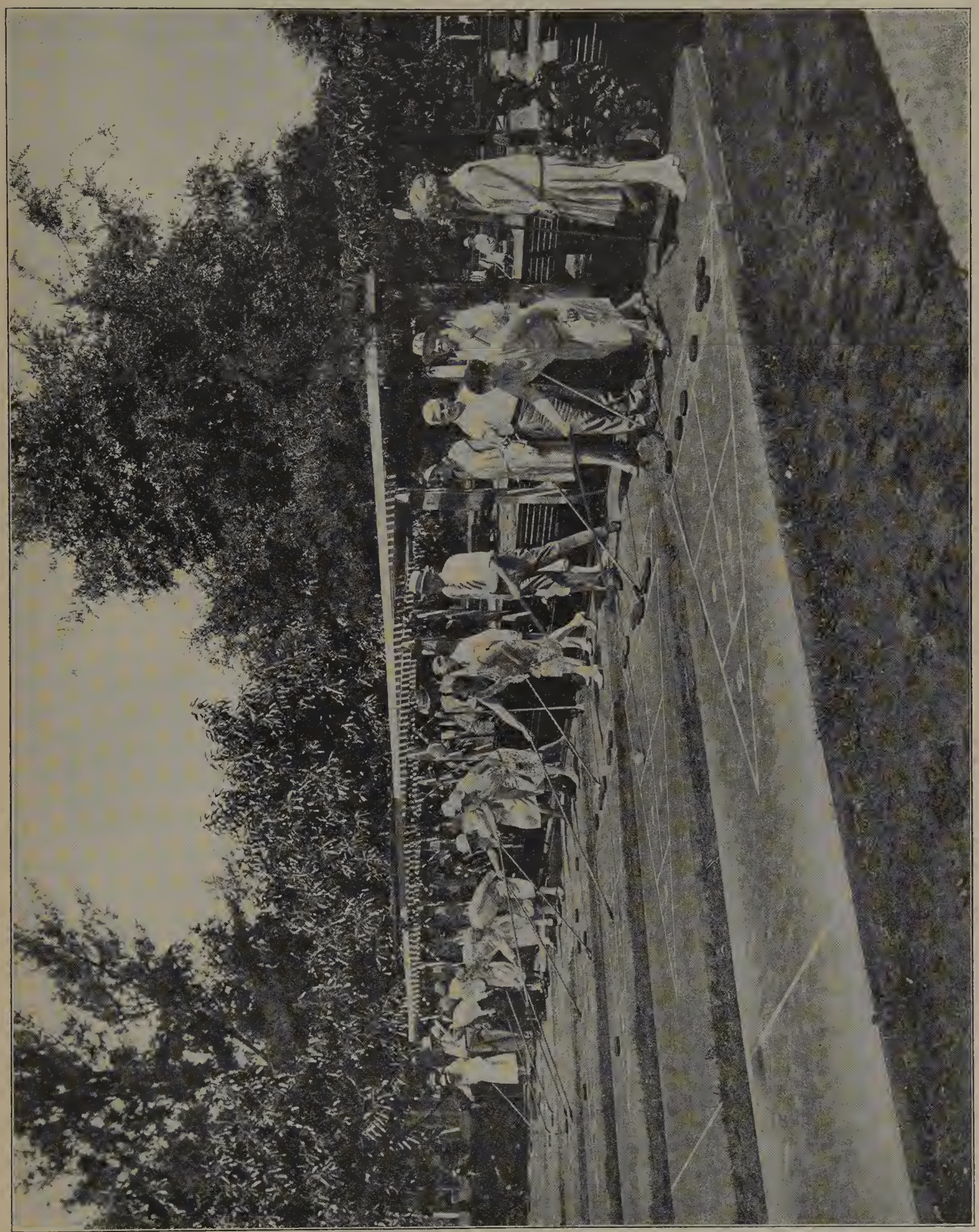

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SEEN AT THE ANNUAL AQUATIC DAY

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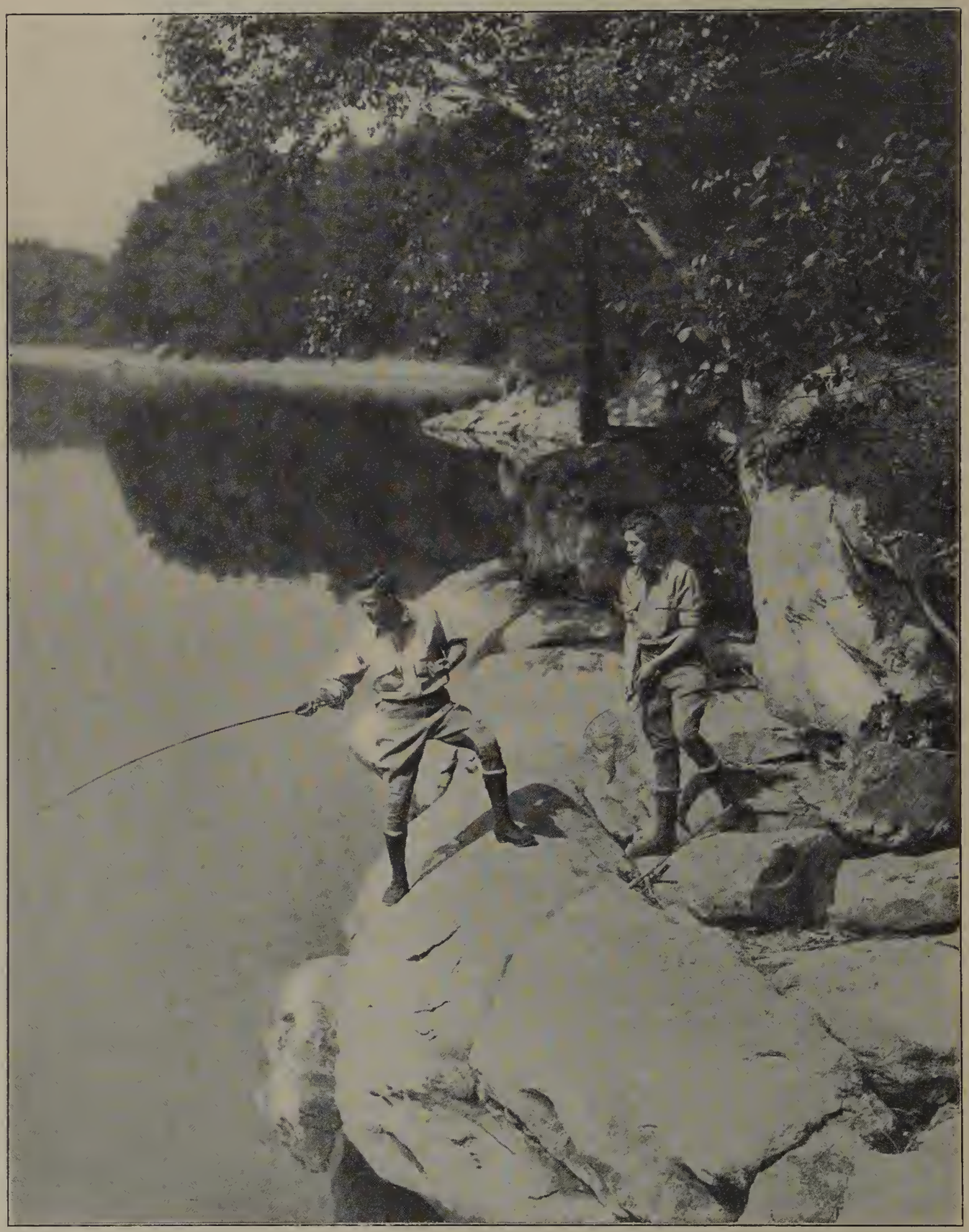
IT TAKES COURAGE!

A MUNICIPAL ROWING CLUB



What If They Don't Bite? It's June!

It All
Depends on
This Shot!

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the Green—

or
if You Prefer—

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ALMOST EVERY EVENING THERE'S A GAME

WHO WON?

SPORTS THE ORDER OF THE DAY

THE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS ADD TO THE JOY OF THIS GAME

VOLLEY BALL AGAINST A SOUTHERN BACKGROUND

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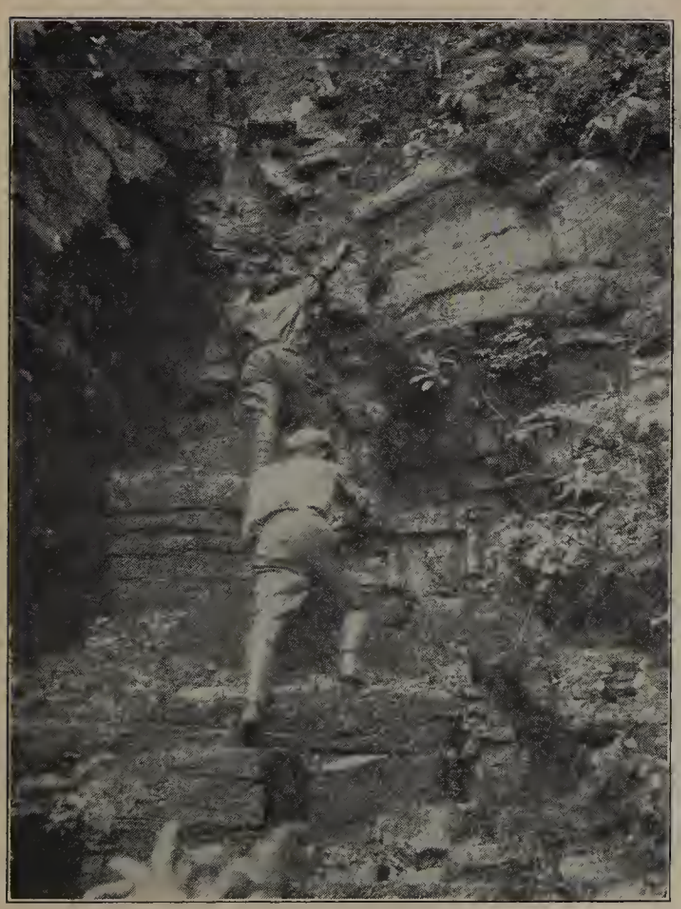

"MANY STILL SMALL VOICES ARE CALLING 'COME HIGHER'"

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Getting Ready to Go!

Nurses Find Relaxation in Dancing

The Horses Walk Faster Near the End of the Trail.

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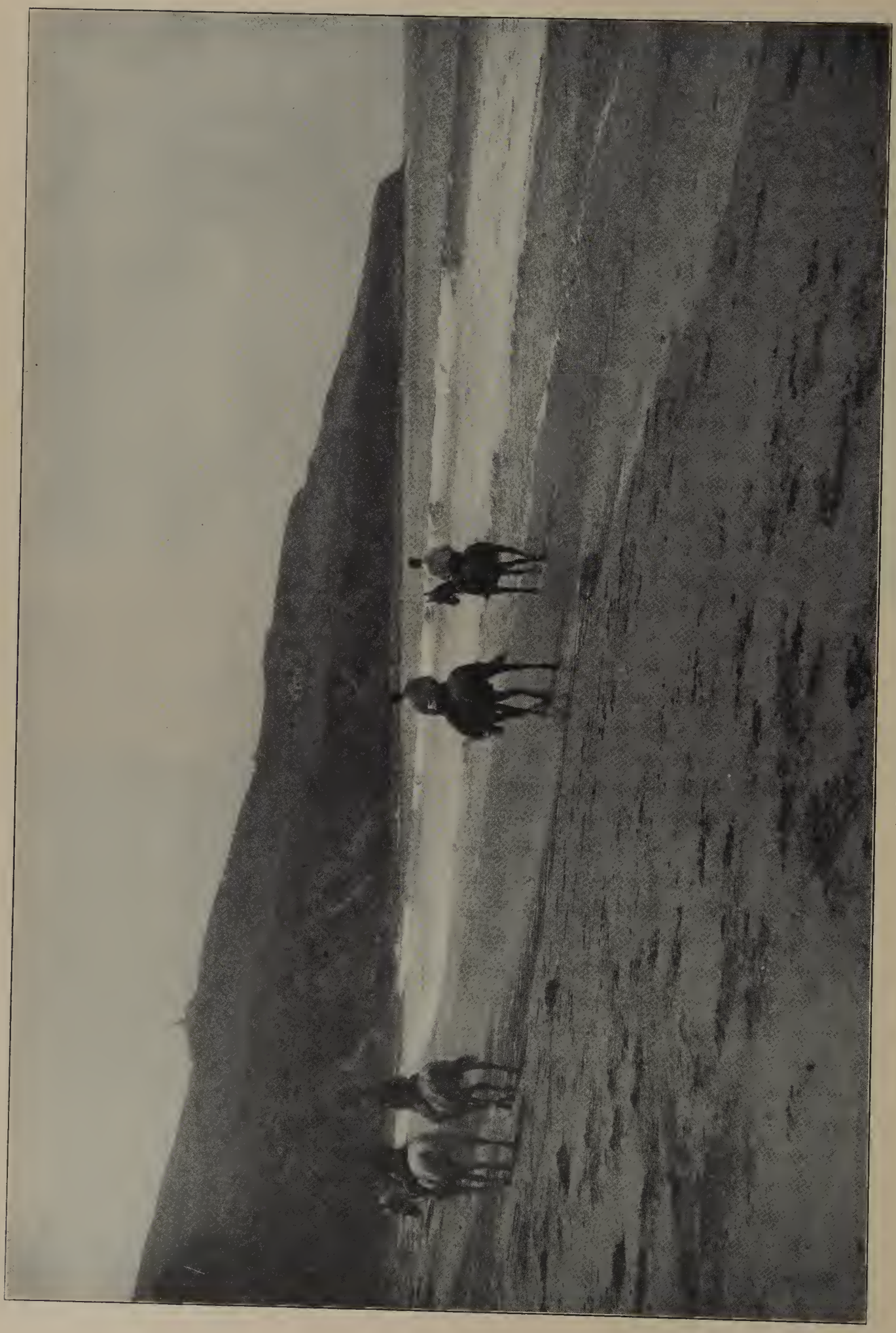

A Glorious Morning—and Miles to Go

Adults at Play

In this issue of PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION adults are seen playing in communities all over the country—at municipal recreation centers, playgrounds, athletic fields and parks and golf courses provided by municipalities and counties, on public beaches, on private property set aside for public use, and in national parks which the federal government has dedicated to the leisure time use of the people of the United States.

For adults must play if they are to live, not merely exist, and it is a recognized responsibility of the government to provide opportunities and facilities.

To help municipal governments plan wisely for the leisure time opportunities of adults as well as children has been the task of the Playground and Recreation Association of America for almost a quarter of a century. As its responsibility has increased with the growth and the social problems of cities, the need for greater financial support has become imperative. The budget of the national association for 1930 is $393,000—a little over one per cent of the amount spent locally for public recreation in 1928.

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The Boy Scouts of America will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its organization, February 7th-13th, 1930. During the week Boy Scouts will participate in many city and community activities. Anniversary Day on February 8th, coming as it does this year on Saturday, will give more opportunity for a day time program than is usual when school is in session. It is being urged that the day be made the occasion of the mobilization of Scouts at civic centers, parks and playgrounds where they may demonstrate to the public in general the services by which Boy Scouts seek to be of value to the community. In the evening there will be a general gathering of Scout troops in their meeting places all over the country to re-dedicate themselves to the Scout cause.

Sunday will be very generally observed in the churches as more than two-thirds of the 26,000 Scout troops in the country are sponsored by church organizations. On February 10th, School Day, the Scouts will give demonstrations of First Aid in the schools and will conduct fire drills. Tuesday will be Home Day, with Father and Son banquets. February 12th will be celebrated as Patriot's Day and Outdoor Day and there will be emphasis upon citizenship and patriotism with ceremonies in the public squares and pilgrimages to sponsor local interest. The final day will be known as Citizens Day.

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GOOD TIMES FOR ALL TIMES. By Nina B. Lamkin. Published by Samuel S. French, New York City. Price, $4.00.

The entire field of entertainment has been presented in this book by Miss Lamkin whose long experience in the recreation field and creative ability in play projects have made it possible for her to produce this extensive and practical encyclopædia of entertainment. Holiday and party programs, entertainment for the family, the club, the neighborhood and the community are found here in the form of stunts, shows, games, skits, sketches, plays, pantomimes, dances, drills and music. Carnivals, minstrel shows, festivals and pageants are also planned for. Selected bibliographies for every occasion make the volume a valuable source book. The book tells what to do, when to do it, how to do it; it is the answer to the ever present question "What can we do?"

HERE'S FOR A GOOD TIME. By Beatrice Plumb. Published by T. S. Denison & Company, Chicago, Illinois. Price, $1.50.

This little book contains suggestions for parties of all kinds, classified according to months. There are in all over sixty parties suggested for young people and adults.

THE HAPPY PARTY BOOK. By Ethel Owen. Published by the Abingdon Press, New York. Price, $1.00.

Definite plans for ten parties, each containing some novel feature will be found in this book. Not only Hallowe'en and Christmas parties are suggested but a number of unusual ones which hostesses will want to know about.

A HANDBOOK OF BASKETBALL FOR WOMEN. Compiled by the Questionnaire Committee of the National Committee on Women's Basketball, A.P.E.A. Price, 15c.

The Questionnaire Committee of the National Committee on Women's Basketball has done a splendid service in publishing and distributing this booklet—a supplement to the *Official Basketball Guide for Women.* It contains a number of articles dealing with the problems which arise in conducting a basketball program such as costumes, medical examinations, use of girls' rules and supervision. It will provide the recreation worker and physical director with plenty of ammunition in working for a basketball program for girls which is "safe and sane." Copies may be secured from Miss Eline von Borries, Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland.

BASKETBALL FOR COACHES AND PLAYERS. By George F. Veenker. Published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. Price, $3.00.

This book deals with the many practical problems which a coach confronts—preparation for a season, equipping a team, practice seasons, selection of players for positions, offensive fundamentals, team offense, individual and team defense, relationships and other features. The book concludes with a number of tersely phrased general suggestions.

AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WOMEN. By Marjorie Hillas and Marion Knighton. Published by A. S. Barnes & Company, New York. Price, $2.00.

The authors have presented an athletic program for girls involving the teaching of fundamental skills and practice leading to the highly organized, seasonal games of soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball, speedball, and field ball. There are in addition chapters on the teaching program, squad organization and play day material.

OFFICIAL VOLLEY BALL RULES—1929-30. Spalding's Athletic Library. American Sports Publishing Company, New York. Price, 25c.

This new edition of the *Volley Ball Guide* contains reviews and reports, a discussion of intensive volley ball and the rules for men and for girls and women adopted by the National Amateur Athletic Federation.

OUR CITIES TODAY AND TOMORROW. By Theodora Kimball Hubbard and Henry Vincent Hubbard. Published by the Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Price, $5.00.

Under a grant from the Milton Fund of Harvard University, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard conducted during 1928-29 a field study and analysis of city planning and zoning progress in the United States. About 120 cities and regions in forty-two states were included in this bird's eye view of municipal progress, which pictures the background of a new social movement. All phases of city planning are discussed in the light of their social significance. One chapter is devoted to parks and recreation and in it are considered recreation needs and the importance of planning recreation areas as a part of comprehensive city development, the standards of recreation being interwoven with the standards of light and air, control of land, subdivisions and similar features. "It must be remembered that acreage alone in relation to population is not the criterion of the adequacy of a recreation system in meeting public needs. It is the balance of various types of park and play areas and their distribution in relation to population which determines whether or not a community is well served."

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY PLANNING—VOLUME VII. Regional Survey of New York and Its Environs, 130 East 22nd Street, New York. Price, $3.00.

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AMERICAN CIVIC ANNUAL. Edited by Harlean James. Published by the American Civic Association, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Price, $2.00.

This record of recent civic affairs is a compilation of articles having to do with developments in our national parks and forest lands, with progress in regional planning, with roadside improvement in the states, with building projects and with park and garden progress. New towns and subdivisions are also discussed and there is a list of *Who's Who in Civic Achievement.*

MODERN RELIGIOUS DRAMAS. Edited by Fred Eastman. Published by Henry Holt and Company, New York. Price, $3.00.

In his dramatic workshop Mr. Eastman, who is Professor of Religious Literature and Drama in Chicago Theological Seminary, examined about 300 religious plays and pageants. Those which stood the test are included in this collection: *The Neighbours*—Zone Gale; *Confessional*—Percival Wilde; *What Men Live By*—Virginia Church; *The Valiant*—Holworthy Hall and Robert Middlemass; *Bread*—Fred Eastman; *The Deathless World*—J. M. S. Tompkins; *El Cristo*—Margaret Larkin; *Dust of the Road*—Kenneth Sawyer Goodman; *The Color Line*—Irene Taylor MacNair; *The Golden Rule in Courtship*—Corona Rayle Cook; *Modern Magi*—Charles Stafford Brown; *The Christmas Pageant of the Holy Grail*—W. Russell Bowie; *America's Unfinished Battles*—Fred Eastman.

LITTLE PLAYS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE. Compiled and edited by A. P. Sanford and Robert Haven Schauffler. Published by Dodd, Mead & Company, New York. Price, $2.50.

For the use of the children of intermediate grades, this compilation is one of the most useful available. There are plays appropriate for holidays, and special days and for special weeks such as Safety, Child Health, Music and Children's Book Week.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY YEARBOOK, No. 1. Compiled by the Committee on Library Work with Children of the American Library Association. Published by the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois. Price, $2.00.

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roll Moore, *Children's Books of 1928* by Jessie G. Van Cleve, *Story Telling as a Method of Directing the Reading of Children* by Edna Whiteman, *Children's Librarians* by Dorothy Canfield Fisher and the report on *Production of Children's Books.* The appendix contains a bibliography on children's books and reading, 1923-1928, a list of library schools specializing in library work with children, and salary statistics.

FOLK DANCES AND HOW TO DO THEM. By Fannie R. Buchanan. Published by Successful Farming, Des Moines, Iowa. Price, 15c.

This attractively illustrated booklet, designed especially for the use of 4-H club members, contains directions for the following folk dances: *the Crested Hen, the Ribbon Dance, Green Sleeves, the Minuet, Wind the May Pole, the Virginia Reel, the Shoemaker's Dance, Money Musk, Klappdans, the Grand March.*

LIST OF BOOKS ON GARDENING AND BOTANICAL NATURE STUDY. Published by the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Brooklyn, New York.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of books, but one which is helping to fill the needs of the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens in its work with boys and girls. In addition to books on flowers, trees, birds and insects, ferns, mosses and mushrooms, nature study, economic plants and gardening there is a list of story books and of books on poetry relating to various phases of nature.

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES. By Olive K. Horrigan. Published by A. S. Barnes and Company, New York. Price, $2.00.

"Learning is experience; experience is learning." Teachers who have come to realize the truth of these words of Professor Dewey's are turning their class rooms into work shops in which the children are guided and directed into participation in activities which are meaningful to them and which help the *entire* child to grow emotionally and physically as well as intellectually. Miss Horrigan's book, which comes as a result of careful experimentation and demonstration, is intended to serve as a guide for teachers who are willing to think of education as a correlated unit. Correlated, interpretative and creative dances are introduced, and suggestions are offered for the use of poetry and dramatic activities for certain of the grades.

THE DEEPER MEANING OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION. By Dr. Eugen Matthias. Translated by Carl L. Schrader. Published by A. S. Barnes & Company. Price, $1.00.

The purpose of this translation is to bring to teachers in America a brief yet far-reaching statement of objectives, needs and results in physical education as they are conceived and practiced in another country. The author of the book, who is a Professor of the Biology of Physical Education at the University of Munich, is one of the outstanding men in the field of physical education in Europe. The book is the result of careful research as well as keen controversy and is therefore of more than national interest.

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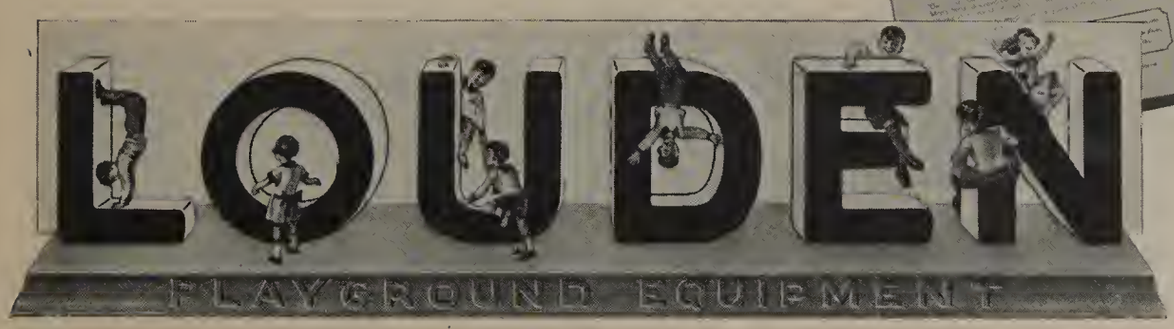

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SCHOOL CLUBS. By Harry C. McKown. Published by Macmillan Company, New York. Price, $2.50.

The objectives of school clubs and basic principles of club organization, the administration and supervision of the club program and its internal organization, and the many varied types of clubs with suggestions for conducting them, are subjects discussed in this comprehensive book. The author has listed 390 clubs which in his study of the subject he actually found in schools. Mr. McKown makes the interesting prophecy that within a few years—perhaps a decade or two—in the modern school, with the exception of recreational, service and honoring clubs, there will be no such thing as the school clubs. In his opinion these club activities will be more highly developed than ever but they will be accepted and incorporated into the regular work of the classroom and will constitute the laboratory or socialized part of the regular school work in the same way that the laboratory work now exists in the various shop, fine arts and homemaking courses.

SUPPLEMENT TO CITY PLANNING AND ZONING ACCOMPLISHMENTS. Civic Development Department, Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

The information in this Supplement consists of tabulated material giving the name, population and acreage of the city, whether it has a city planning, zoning or a regional planning commission, the status of its city planning and its thoroughfare planning, types of zoning ordinances, and data on parks and playgrounds. It also gives the names of any published report and the consultants. This report should be of value to anyone interested in city planning.

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